

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the Valparaiso  
gymnastics team for winning its seventh state championship.

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring the Valparaiso gymnastics team for winning its seventh state championship.

*Whereas, The top-ranked Viking girls won their seventh state championship at the Indiana High School Athletic Association Girls Gymnastics State Championships at Perry Meridian High School;*

*Whereas, This state championship is not only the Vikings' second straight championship victory, but also a unique triumph that set a new record for most championship wins by any high school gymnastics team in Indiana state history;*

*Whereas, The Vikings' score of 113.575 was the second highest all-time, second only to their own state championship record of 114.225 set last season;*

*Whereas, Valparaiso Coach Lorie Cook realizes how hard it is to win even a single championship, and says, "I think they get more special as they go along." Coach Cook guided the program to all seven state championships;*

*Whereas, The state title wasn't quite secured for the Vikings*



*through the first or second rotations. Valparaiso relied on experience and overall leadership to take a two-tenths of a point lead following the second rotation into a slow-but-steady ascent to the top;*

*Whereas, The Vikings maintained their lead with an individual state championship performance from Kellie Kidd in the vault, and a second-place finish in the uneven parallel bars to win the title;*

*Whereas, Kellie Kidd was also able to claim her second straight all around state championship in dominating fashion, as she captured individual titles in the vault, balance beam, and floor exercise routines. Her high school career ends with six individual state championships in just two years of competition, good enough for a tie for third place all-time in the state;*

*Whereas, the Vikings attribute their most recent championship to practice, consistency, and teamwork; and*

*Whereas, Coach Cook believes the success of the Valparaiso Vikings is a product of the hard work and example of former athletes and coaches that inspired the current team to continue to push their limits and raise the bar: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1      SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate honors the Valparaiso  
2 Gymnastics team for winning their seventh state championship.

3      SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Principal James Doane and Coach  
5 Lorie Cook of Valparaiso High School.

